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GREAT TVRKES
DEFIANCE:

Or his Letter
DENVNTIATORIE
to SIGISMOND the Third, now
King of Polonia, as it hath beene
truly aduertised out of Germany,
this present yeere, 1613.

WITH
THE KING OF POLAND
his replie, Englifhed according to
the French Copie,

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THE
COPPIE OF A
DENVNCIATION
sent by the great Emperour
of the Turkes,

Vnto Sigismond the third, King of Poland
and Lituania, the seuenth of Iulie,
1612.



C M E T H S O L D A N,
Sonne of the most
puissant and highest,
Emperour of the
Turks, King of Ma-
cedonia,, Arabia, Samaria, Gre-
cia, and little Egypt, King aboue
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all the Kings that dwell vpon the earth, a King that dwelleth on the earthlie Paradise, an annointed Prince & sonne of Mahomet, Keeper of the Lower Hungarie, Prior of the Earthly Paradise, and Keeper of the Graue of thy God, Lord of the tree of life, and of the Riuer Flisky, Conqueror of the Macedonians, borders of Hungaria, and of the citie Bettune, a great persecutor of his enemies, and of all their euill vices; a most perfect Iewell of the blessed Tree, the chieftest keeper of the crucified God, a Prince & Lord in whom the Pagans trust, and a great persecutor of all Christians.

*To SIGISMOND the Third, King of Poland our greeting, if thou doest desire our welfare, and art friend to vs and
our*

our Officer and Lieutenant Generall of our forces which we will send. But thou hast long since broken and falsified our friendship, and yet art neither readie nor fit to wage warre or fight battell against vs. But thou hast some secret aduise and intelligence with other confederate Kings, and their Counsellors, to deliuer thee out of our hands and our vicegerents power, wherein thou hast done very vnadvisedly and vndiscreetly. If therefore thou thus perseuere to oppose thy selfe against vs, then feare, for thy death and the death of all thy people is determined. We tell thee we will ouercome thee from the rising of the Sunne, to the going down thereof, and wee will shew our Maie-
 stie in our owne person and sight vnto the uttermost parts of the earth. Our verie thoughts shalbe a terror vnto thee, that
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we will performe all that which we haue
 heerein denounced. And we will make
 knowne vnto thee the powerfullnesse of
 our dominions. And thou, o King, which
 puttest thy trust in strong forts & Castles
 shalt haue experience of my might and
 power. I will root out all together, and
 thou shalt behold this with thine owne
 eyes. Wherefore expect now no more
 friendship at my hands; put not thy hope
 in the strength of thy walles, with thy
 owne forces and people. I will ruinate
 thee without any resistance. I will de-
 stroy thy Craccawe in signe of triumph.
 I will leaue there my bloody sword, that
 euerie one shall take notice thereof, and
 my beleefe shalbe spread abroad thorow-
 out all thy Dominions, and I will vt-
 terly root out the very remembrance of
 thy crucified God. Let thy God be an-
 grie,

grie, I care not, he may then helpe thee.
 Thy annointed (the Priests) I will
 surely put to the plague. Wild beasts &
 wolues shall sucke the breasts of thy wo-
 men. Thou shalt leaue and forsake thy
 Religion which thou hast. That which
 remaineth of all things shalbe consumed
 with fire. Heerewith rest thou satisfied.
 I doe not tell thee now what I will doe, or
 meane to doe with thee, understand it if
 thou wilt or canst.

From our residence Constantinople
 most strongly garded.

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AN
ANSWER TO
THE MENACING
and VVarre - denouncing
*Letter of the Great
Turke.*

By SIGISMOND *King of Polonia*
and Sweden : great Duke of Lituania,
Russia, and Podolia.

SIGISMOND by the
grace of God King of
Polonia and Sweden,
Great Duke of Litu-
ania, Russia, and Po-
dolia, one of the most humble servants
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*of the great God, and of his sonne Ie-
sus Christ crucified.*

To A C-
METH chiefe Prince of Turkes
and Infidels soules health. VVe
haue receiued thy Letter fraught
with threats, and swollen with im-
pities against the Maiestie of the
high G O D, whereunto wee had
not vouchsafed answere, but that
wee were perswaded, that our si-
lence would haue beene a meanes,
to cause thee flatter thy selfe so
much the more, else had we neg-
lected thee like an arch-enemie of
God as thou art. VVe haue there-
fore thought fit in some sort, to re-
gard the saluation of thy soule,
letting thee know, that thou art
no other but a meere man, in thy
person

person more weake than many of thy followers, which should cause thee to remember, that if it had not pleased God, to engraue in the front of such as rule a kind of awfull Maiestie whereby their subiects are kept in obedience, the good by reward, the euill and peruerse by rigorous lawes, and both the one and the other by authoritie, it were impossible they should continue eminent aboue others. Thou then, who in thy selfe art but as other men, must know, that there is a supream power of more might than thine, which doth vphold thine estate, causing thee to bee re-

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spected of thy followers. This power proceeds from God most good, most iust, most strong, preserving it so long as Princes humble themselves before him, but being once transported with presumption & pride, it easily abateth their furie. I will offer no other example to thy consideration than that of Baiafeth the Second, one of thy predeceffours, who thinking to scale heauen with his armie, (which in the iudgement of man was vnresistable, but in Gods sight most contemptible) liued to see himselfe vanquished, taken, and imprisoned, coopt vp in an iron cage (wherein
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he was in triumph drawne after
 the victorious Conquerour)
 seruing him for no better than
 a footstoole, & hauing no other
 food than such as was cast him
 (like a dogge) from his Table*. *A iust guer-
 don for his
 pride.

Thinke then with thy selfe, that
 he that was so great, so puissant,
 and so searefull may happily by
 right of succession haue left vn-
 to thee (as being descēded from
 him) the like, or a worse for-
 tune, if thou doest dare to con-
 tinue thy blasphemies against
 God, and his beloued sonne Je-
 sus Christ crucified. Thou
 doest mistake in thinking to
 lay an aspersiō vpon vs, by re-
 proching vnto vs the Crosse:
 for

for wee account it our chiefeſt
honour and glorie ; by vertue
whereof as the Emperour *Con-
ſtantine* quelled his enemies, we
hope and assure our ſelues to be
defended againſt thy fury. Thy
proud and thundering words
diſmay vs not, our courage is
more masculine and generous
than ſo to bee outbraued : For
know that wee regard not thy
threats, but with all ſcorn tram-
ple vpon thy pride, and deride
thy terrours. And in ſtead of
thanking thee for aduertifiſing
vs before thy comming, wee
bidde thee come when thou
wilt : Thou ſhalt bee receiued
contrary to thy expectation.
We

Wee haue steepe mountaines
 and impregnable rockes, that
 shal barre thee from entring in-
 to our lands. Thou shalt finde
 our Cities and Castles wel fur-
 nished with munition, our Ca-
 non mouthes breathing furi-
 ous fires, our courages inuinci-
 ble, our blades eager & sharpe,
 our armes impenetrable, our
 bodies apt to sustaine the vio-
 lence of all seasons, our mindes
 promising nothing but victory.
 And to dazell thine eies, the
 royall Standard of the blessed
 Crosse shall goe before vs. But
 aboue all, the crucified Sonne
 of the great God shall cause
 his Angels to conduct vs and
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giue vs the victorie. Hee it is
that shall be our Leader, vnder
whose protection wee will not
feare to braue thee at thy gates.
Thy miscreant troopes shall be
trodden vnder foot, and their
bellies trampled on, and by a
happie victorie (if thou chance
to scape our conquering arme)
thou shalt find thy selfe pursu-
ed vnto the most secret dennes
of thy abominable Seraglio.
Thou shalt see thy Mosques
laied leuel with the ground, thy
Mophti and other the execra-
ble Priests of thy perfidious
Mahomet made Galley-slaues,
all those traiterous runnagates
whom thou doest harbor, shalt
thou

thou see put to exquisite torments : of all which be most assured. And then shall bee set free all those poore and miserable Christians, who now lie groaning vnder the burden of thy tyrannous yoke, whose wofull cries being mounted to heauen, haue iustly excited the vengeance of God vpon thee, who hath permitted thee to rise to this height of pride, that thy ruine and destruction may bee the more exemplar vnto after ages. To conclude, thou shalt see the seruice of God reestablished in Grecia and Asia, which thou doest now vniustly vsurpe. But if it happen thee

to end thy miserable life in battell (~~as wee~~ hope that God will grant) be confident that all the aforesaid vengeance shall ensue vpon thy death, and whilest thy wretched soule shall lie broiling in the quenchlesse flames of hel, we will lift vp our cheerfull voices, and for the victorie obtained ouer thee and thine, sing praises vnto our God, to whom be glorie for euer.

Know then, O Infidell, that we feare thee not at all : and if thou beest not bent to run headlong vnto thine owne destruction, be aduised. Content and containe thy selfe within those bounds thou doest at this present

sent vsurpe. And if thou hast any beleefe at all, that thy thrice reuerenced Prophet Mahomet could tell a truth, or foretell future euent, then call to minde that of those 1000. yeeres which he prescribed for the continuing of thy Sect, there remains not aboue 6. or 7. yeeres. This then is the time that the yet vn-sheathed swords of the Christians affords for thy amendment, that thou maist come to the knowledge of the most true God, to worship him in his Son Iesus Christ. VVhereunto we once more exhort thee, omitting all other salutation and commendation.

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Giuen at our Castle of Pofn-
wich, the twelfth of Februarie,
the yeere of the Incarnation of
our Lord Iesus 1613.

Sigismond.



